

WHALEN FAVORS TUNNEL.

THE CORPORATION COUNSEL WRITES TO ALEXANDER E. ORR.

HE MAKES A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS REGARDING CONDUITS AND OTHER POINTS, BUT SAYS HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE RAPID TRANSIT WORK BEGUN WITHOUT DELAY.

Corporation Counsel Whalen last evening gave out copies of a letter which he had mailed to Alexander E. Orr, president of the Rapid Transit Commission, defining the attitude of Tammany officials toward plans for building the rapid transit underground road. The letter will be considered at the meeting of the Rapid Transit Commission to-day. After explaining his delay in approving the form of contract submitted to him more than a year ago, by saying that the city had not been able financially to undertake the building of a rapid transit road, Mr. Whalen's letter continues in the main as follows:

again are merely the expression of my opinion, which I desire to submit to your Board.

SPACE FOR CONDUITS.

Again, while the Commission, of course, has no right to construct conduits for electric wires for lighting or power purposes, yet there is no reason why, if it is practicable, space should not be provided in which conduits of this character may be placed.

In connection with the suggestions I have made, will in every way give such aid as is possible to this department for the accomplishment of the great work which will now be possible to the extent which the operation will accomplish the result which the people now desire and expect, but which up to the present time has not been realized.

And rather than ever let go the great work which I am willing to put aside some of my suggestions, which I have mentioned, as after all, the most important object to be attained at this time is the actual commencement of the work.

I think, however, before the contract is finally approved by me as to form, it would be well for you to consider the suggestions which I have made in the foregoing letter, and at any time to confer with you to relation thereto, and will devote all my efforts to assist you in the prompt commencement of the work.

I believe that it is possible, with a little diligence,

to advertise for bids in the month of October.

CAPTAIN EUGENE B. N. BISSELL'S DERTS.

HE IS EXAMINED IN THE CITY COURT AS TO HIS ABILITY TO PAY A JUDGMENT.

Eugene B. N. Bissell, Jr., captain in the 44th United States Volunteers, was examined before Judge Fitzsimons in the City Court yesterday as to his ability to pay a judgment for \$79 obtained through the Law Department, for the condemnation of my lands, etc., which might be needed for the use of the railroad.

NOT FOR A RAILROAD ALONE.

At the time of the passage of the act in question, and for long afterward, the only problem was one of cost, in such a case as this, the question of a method for the speedy transportation of passengers also had to be considered. It was felt that a railroad was the only way in contemplation should provide some means for the transportation of mail parcels and packages, and the space necessary for the carrying of electric wires, telephone and telegraph purposes, and to some extent, for gas and sewer pipes.

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I think also that inasmuch as the liability to be imposed upon the city will be at least an immense amount, it should be imposed upon the work by a company of engineers, who could at all times advise the city authorities as to the progress and conduct of the work by the railroad.

This suggestion, however, did not imply any reflection upon the engineers employed by the Commission, but it has always been the custom of the city to be represented in its great undertakings by its own engineers, and in view of such a supervising engineer, it would expose the city authorities to the criticism of a want of exercise of sufficient care in the judgment in view of the magnitude of the work.

RISK AT UPPER END.

I need not say that this suggestion contemplates the employment of an engineer of eminent skill in his profession, to be selected by the Board of Estimate and Appraisement, of which each body may be represented, and whose suggestions as to the construction of the railroad will be presented to me.

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The effect of this suggestion, in part at least, would be that the property in the upper part of the city, which is now almost inaccessible, and whose values are difficult to estimate, would be largely increased in value.

I think, also, that the present terminus of the railroad at the City Hall should be changed to the Battery, or the South Ferry. By so doing very material help will be given, not only to the Borough of Richmond, but also to a large portion of the Borough of Brooklyn.

An examination of the foregoing suggestions I regard as vital to the undertaking, and others

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The following Army and Navy orders have been issued:

ARMY.

The following transfers are made in the 3d Infantry:

Captain HARRY FREELAND, from Company A, to Captain CHARLES D. DIXON, from Company F, to A.

The following transfers are made in the 7th Infantry:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM S. GRAVES, from Company A to C; First Lieutenant GEORGE H. JAMESON, from Company K to A.

The following second lieutenants are assigned to regiments specified:

Second Lieutenant CHARLES H. MELBOURNE, Jr., to the 1st Infantry. He will report at San Francisco for assignment with troops en route to the Philippines to join his regiment.

Second Lieutenant RICHARD JACKSON, to the 12th Infantry. He will report at Vancouver Barracks for duty with troops en route to the Philippines to join his regiment.

Second Lieutenant AUGUST LIPKINOFF, to the 1st Infantry. He will report at Denver and join the troops to which he may be assigned.

Second Lieutenant CHARLES M. GORDON, Jr., to the 18th Infantry. He will report at Fort Riley for assignment with troops en route to the Philippines to join his regiment.

Second Lieutenant ERIC VAN S. CHAMBERLAIN, to the 2d Infantry. He will report at Chicago and then proceed to Governor's Island.

Second Lieutenant JOHN HENRY PAGE, Jr., to the 3d Infantry. He will report to his regimental commander for assignment.

Second Lieutenant PALMER C. WOOD, Jr., to the 12th Infantry. He will report to his regimental commander for assignment.

Second Lieutenant SYLVESTER BONNAFFON, Jr., to the 13th Infantry. He will report to his regimental commander for assignment.

The following transfers are made in the 8th Cavalry:

First Lieutenant EDWARD W. EVANS, from Troop D, to C; First Lieutenant CHARLES C. WALCOTT, Jr., from Troop C, to C; First Lieutenant CHARLES W. PARBER, 8th Cavalry, is assigned to Troop D.

The following transfers are made in the 1st Cavalry:

First Lieutenant ROBERT H. BARKSDALE, Birmingham, Ala., to the 1st Cavalry. He will report to his regimental commander for assignment.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM C. DOWD, from the 1st Cavalry, to the 1st Cavalry. He will report to his regimental commander for assignment.

First Lieutenant JAMES H. WILSON, Baltimore, Md., Captain EUGENE V. BISSELL, New York City, and Second Lieutenant ALTON H. CUSHING, Cleveland, Ohio.

First Lieutenant BARKSDALE, Fort Meade, Captain GEORGE W. RICKMAN, Milwaukee, Wis., and First Lieutenant ALLEN C. BLANKER, St. Paul, Minn.

First Lieutenant BARKSDALE, South Philadelphia, Second Lieutenant MOSES H. ROSS, Pittsburgh, Penn.

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First Lieutenant RALPH H. STROCKFOLD, 10th Infantry, will proceed to Chattanooga, and relieve First Lieutenant Hamilton A. Smith, 3d Infantry, from the command of the 10th Infantry.

Acting Assistant Surgeon DONALD P. MCROBB and HUGH L. TAYLOR will proceed to Vancouver Barracks for duty.

Acting Assistant Surgeon STEPHEN M. GONZALEZ will proceed to New York City for assignment, and thence to San Juan, Porto Rico, for duty.

The following second lieutenants will report to their regimental commanders for duty:

GEORGE R. D. MCGRANGER, 20th Infantry; JOSEPH N. LEVISON, 21st Infantry; FREDERICK B. HENRY, 22d Infantry, and ROBERT E. BROOKS, 23d Infantry.

First Lieutenant FREDERICK KOCH, 41st Infantry, will proceed to Camp Meade for duty.

NAVY.

CHARLES W. ELIASON is appointed assistant paymaster.

Assistant Surgeon J. J. SNYLER is detached from the Naval Hospital, Newport, R. I., home and ready for duty.

Captain A. B. BARKER will proceed to Washington and wait orders.

Assistant Surgeon R. F. BLAKEMAN is ordered to duty at the Naval Hospital, Newport, R. I., on completion of preliminary examinations for promotion.

SEVENTY-FIRST'S OFFICERS CRITICIZED.

A COMBATE reproaches those who took PART IN THE CURIA CAMPAIGN.

BANCROFT SAYS HE IS A CLUB MEMBER, AND HAS BEEN ROBBED—HIS CASE DISMISSED.

A well dressed man, who said he was Charles E. Bancroft, a broker, forty-eight years old, and who also declared that he was a member of several prominent clubs, was arraigned in the Yorkville court yesterday on a charge of intoxication and discharged. Policeman Rogers, of the East Thirty-fifth station, who made the complaint, said he found Bancroft staggering in First-ave., near Thirty-first-st., at 9 o'clock on Tuesday night. Bancroft was being pushed about by some children.

Bancroft said he usually drank wine at his meals, and that he had dinner with the Waldorf-Astoria on Tuesday night and had some claret there. "That did not affect me, I'm sure," he continued. "I have not the slightest recollection of being pushed by children. I remember having, after I had my luncheon, one drink in a corner saloon. I don't know where it was located. I think the drink must have contained kerosene oil, as I was then robbed of my watch and chain and money."

Bancroft further said he was a member of the Union League and New-York Athlete Club, the St. James Club, and the Patermakers' Association.

At the present were Colonel Henry E. Lieberman, in the chair; G. Ackerman, Sergeant George W. Wyckoff, J. T. Malone, Daniel Keyes and Charles Kessell.

EDISON SYSTEM OF GOLD MINING.

AIR TO BE USED IN NEW-MEXICAN PLANT FOR SEPARATING GOLD FROM EARTH—ELECTRICITY TO PROPEL IT.

SANTA FE, N. M., Sept. 20 (Special)—S. B. Burn, representing the New-Mexican Mining Company, in which Thomas A. Edison is interested and which bought the controlling interest in the Ortiz grant, Southern Santa Fe County, for \$3,000,000, will leave Taos to-morrow for New-York, where the purchasers live. He will return in October with a complete corps of office assistants, engineers and mechanics for the purpose of beginning active operations upon the auriferous deposits. To guard against any errors in mechanical construction, a small plant only will be built on the return of Mr. Burn, with a capacity for handling one thousand tons of earth a day.

It is intended, however, to build later a plant to handle twenty-five or more tons daily, and this may be constructed without trying the work on a smaller scale, if the test to be made on a few more carloads of earth to be shipped at once proves satisfactory.

The first work to be done will be to sink fifty shafts to bedrock, which ranges from twenty feet to eighty-five feet in depth, all the earth above being gold bearing. The output from sinking the shafts will be first treated by the experimental plant, and in this manner will be determined which ground is the richest, as the shafts will be scattered over the grant in order to give practical tests as to the extent and location of the most profitable portions.

Electricity is not to be an agent in separating the gold from the other material, as popularly supposed, but it will be air, although the power to propel the plant will be electricity and to make everything ready for another force to do the work of separations which electricity cannot.

THE TRINIDAD BRINGS OFFICERS.

Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer Trinidad, from Bermuda, yesterday were Captain H. T. Brooks, Lieutenant J. H. Goldfinch and Captain J. T. Stepper.

WARDEN HAGAY DENIES CHARGES.

James T. Hagan, Warden of the City Prison, denied yesterday in the most emphatic terms the charge made against him yesterday by John Palmer, the lawyer who accused the Warden of helping the law firm of O'Hare & Dunne. The Warden says that if on investigation he finds that the language attributed to Palmer is correct he will seek redress through the courts. He says Palmer always has been treated with every courtesy in the Tombs.

PRESIDENT DIAZ TO VISIT CHICAGO.

THE MEXICAN CONGRESS GRANTS HIM TWENTY-ONE DAY'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

City of Mexico, Sept. 20.—The Senate and Chamber of Deputies, in joint session to-day, by a unanimous vote, granted to President Diaz twenty-one days' leave of absence to visit Chicago.

DISCHARGES IN BANKRUPTCY.

Judge Brown, of the United States District Court, yesterday granted discharges to thirty-five bankrupts, among whom were Milton Robins, of the Hotel Borden, with liabilities of \$3,500; Hugh R. Healey, of No. 160 Wall-st., formerly a wholesale dealer in linoleum, hats, etc.; Robert E. Murphy, of 25th Street, with a hundred-and-forty-fourth-st. liability of \$1,000; William Seitz, real estate broker, of No. 25 Whitehall; E. W. Moore, of No. 25 Whitehall; and Charles H. Williams, of 23rd and Henry Streets, formerly a clothier, at No. 229 Third-st., liabilities \$3,000.

ANTI-TRUST CONFERENCE.

GOVERNORS AND ATTORNEYS GENERAL TALK AGAINST COMBINATIONS.

GOVERNOR STEPHENS CRITICIZED FOR DECLARING TRIBES AND TRAMPS TO BE THE TANDEM TEAM OF IMPERIALISM.

St. Louis, Sept. 20.—"Tramps and tramps, the tandem team of imperialism," was a partisan slogan in the speech of Governor Stephens of Missouri at the opening session of the non-partisan anti-trust conference of Governors and Attorneys General, which caused Governor Shaw of Iowa to exclaim, "I am sorry to see the tandem team of imperialism." The conference, called at the suggestion of Governor Sayers of Texas on a strictly non-partisan basis last Friday evening, opened to a full house.

The Big Planter's Hotel is a hive of politicians, Texas statesmen, and seven Attorneys General being present.

Besides the accredited members, there are many who hope to be Governors or Attorneys General, and several who aspire to United States Senatorships.

Representative Bailey, of Texas, was the chief attraction of the hotel lobby all day. Captain Clark, of Pike County, was there, telling witty stories and boasting David A. Hall, for Governor of Missouri.

Attorney General Jefferson Davis, of Arkansas, spent his time fending for an opportunity to lay out Governor Shaw of Iowa for the latter's sarcastic treatment of the secretary of the treasury.

Governor Jones of Arkansas followed Governor Stephens, and was received with a hearty round of applause.

Governor Davis was greeted with hearty applause when he assumed the chair. He read a somewhat lengthy address, setting forth his views on the question of trusts, which was frequently applauded.

Governor Stephens followed Governor Davis in an address in which he told of what had been done in Missouri to fight the trusts.

THE STATES REPRESENTED.

The roll call showed these States represented as follows:

Michigan—Governor Pingree and Attorney General Green.

Missouri—Governor Stephens and Attorney General Crow.

Texas—Governor Sayers and Attorney General Davis.

Arkansas—Governor Jones and Attorney General Davis.

Tennessee—Governor McMillin.

Louisiana—Governor Thomas and Attorney General Campbell.

Indiana—Attorney General Taylor.

Montana—Attorney General Nolan.

Mississippi—Montgomery, Birmingham, Democratic candidate.

Washington—Insurance Commissioner C. G. Heffner.

NEW STATE CORPORATIONS.

Albany, Sept. 20.—The following companies were incorporated to-day by the Secretary of State:

Dewitt Sand Box Company, of New-York City, capital \$100,000. Directors: E. F. Dewitt, George L. Lewis and Daniel E. Wing, of New-York City.

Lemont Laundry Company, of New-York City, capital \$500. Directors: Arnold Lemont, Philip Goldman, Robert W. Goldman, of New-York City.

J. Kramer & Sons' Manufacturing Company, of New-York City, to manufacture and sell wagons, trucks, carts, carriages, horse-drawn vehicles, etc.

Standard Wholesale Beer and Liquor Company, of New-York City, capital \$50,000. Directors: Leon Ferrier, Jacob Kaplan, Aaron Platich and Louis Goodman, of New-York City.

C. A. Barker will proceed to Washington and wait orders.

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ADVERTISING FIRM SEEKS BANKRUPTCY.

COHN BROTHERS, K